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When cotton is low every business suffers except the circus.

Unfortunately, as cotton goes down the rate of interest goes up.

They tell us that things will be better after the election. Well, we are all hoping so.

The paper currency in circulation is said to be \$51,000,000,000, but it is always our lot to handle the one-dollar bills.

As it now takes two pounds of cotton to buy one gallon of gasoline, there should be a great slump in gasoline consumption.

Cupid is reaping a good harvest in this portion of his domain this fall, making up for the partial failure of the summer "crop."

It's a mighty good time to trade at home, instead of sending off our diminishing dollars to the mail-order houses, from which they never return.

So-called "night riders" are their own worst enemy, doing incalculable harm to the cause which they profess to befriend. Let's have no night riding in Edgefield county.

Sumter farmers are advocating the passage of a law prohibiting the planting of cotton in South Carolina during 1920. If the price goes much lower, no such law will be necessary.

Be it said to his credit, the Hon. Thomas E. Watson has made a good start by writing the Republican chairman that he is 100 per cent the nominee of the Democratic party.

Not a gin should be shut down until every lock of cotton has been ginned. But few farmers are prepared to house their cotton in the seed, and furthermore the fire risk is greater.

And still the wonder grows that a man would pay more than seven thousand dollars to be governor of Georgia. The recent campaign is said to have cost Governor-elect Hardwick \$7,487.64.

According to the Good Book, "there is a withholding that tendeth to poverty," or words to that effect. That is just what the government has done. It has withheld credit from the cotton producers and there will follow a poverty of income tax returns from this section. Not one cotton grower in ten who paid an income tax last year will be liable for it this year.

Sow Large Grain Acreage

Ruin stares a large number of our farmers in the face, if they persist in planting cotton to the neglect of food crops. The boll weevil is not coming, it is already here, and has wrought considerable damage to the cotton crop of the present year. If we are to judge from the experience of others in other portions of the cotton belt, the damage will be greater next year. Then, too, in addition to the boll weevil menace, the price of cotton is too uncertain for farmers to depend so largely upon the staple. During the past six weeks cotton declined more than one hundred per cent, and the producers are powerless to remedy the situation. They have met and adopted resolutions and resolutions as to the price but in the face of their earnest efforts to keep the price up it went down, down, down.

There is but one safe and sane course now left to farmers and that is to reduce the acreage of cotton and plant more food stuffs that have heretofore been bought elsewhere and shipped in. Live at home should be the supreme effort of every farmer. Begin now by sowing more grain. Do not wait till next spring. It will be too late then.

Passing Worthless Checks.

With increasing frequency one sees in the papers instances of persons passing worthless checks with fraudulent intent. It appears to be a favorite means of crooks in obtaining cash and merchandise from unsuspecting persons. Just yesterday it was reported that a man in Rock Hill secured cash to the amount of \$600, and also a considerable quantity of merchandise, by passing worthless checks. Such a criminal should be punished severely. There is now a law upon the statute books bearing upon the passing of worthless checks but it is not drastic enough, hasn't sufficient teeth in it to be feared by evil doers. Bank checks should be so safeguarded that they will pass anywhere at their face value, as so much "green-backs," without question.

Heavy Vote Should Be Cast.

The American people will ballot next Tuesday for their chief executive, and every person of the more than one hundred and five millions of population who is qualified to vote should go to the polls and vote. There has been an indifference in the matter of voting in the general election on the part of the people of Edgefield county heretofore that was inexcusable. Let us hope that a larger per cent of our people will vote next Tuesday than have voted in the past. Unless we go to the polls and exercise our right of citizenship, we can not really blame the Republicans of the North if they threaten to reduce our representation in the national congress. Our people are loyal and active in the primary elections. Why not take an active interest in the general election? Not to do so is inexcusable.

That Democratic Dollar.

The clarion call comes to every Democrat to contribute one dollar to the national campaign fund. Can you afford to turn a deaf ear to the appeal? There are but few citizens in this county who can not make a contribution of one dollar to this Democratic victory fund. With most of those who fail to do so it is indifference or a lack of loyalty. Surely Edgefield county will do its part. We are an integral part of this great commonwealth and we should be willing to bear our part of its burdens. In making such a contribution we are contributing to the promotion of our own interests. The past has proven that beyond reasonable peradventure this part of the country receives greater consideration at the hands of a Democratic administration than at the hands of a Republican administration. So it behooves us, putting it on a selfish rather than patriotic plane, to do our bit, that of contributing one dollar to the national campaign fund.

Flagrantly Lawless.

Thus far not a gin has been burned in this county this fall, but the incendiary with his torch is coming steadily nearer. This morning the burning of a gin, believed to be the act of some lawless person or persons, is reported from near Graniteville, in Aiken county. This is to be deplored. Scores of gins have been burned in other parts of the cotton belt this fall by lawless persons who claimed to commit the dastardly deed under cover of darkness in order to promote the interests of cotton growers. But you can just set it down as a fact that can not be controverted that nobody's interest is ever really advanced through lawlessness. "There is a way that seemeth right unto a man but the end thereof are the ends of death," says the Good Book, or words to that effect. And lawbreakers of this type especially should be given to understand that they will be shown no quarter under the law. The shutting down of gins will have no appreciable effect upon the cotton market, and persons who would by violent means try to improve present conditions are rendering no service to those whom they profess to befriend.

Let there be no night-riding in Edgefield county.

Notice of Election.

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held on the 9th day of November, 1920 for the purpose of voting on whether or not a certain area shall be cut off of Edgefield county and added to McCormick county. The voting place will be at the residence of Daniel McKie. The following managers have been appointed for this election: Daniel McKie, J. G. McKie and J. W. Johnson. C. A. GRIFFIN, L. T. MAY, S. B. NICHOLSON, Chr. Commissioners State and County Election for Edgefield County.

The Best Hot Weather Tonic

GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC enriches the blood, builds up the whole system and will wonderfully strengthen and fortify you to withstand the depressing effect of the hot summer. 50c.

Are You a Good Wife?

Do you ever wonder if you give satisfaction as a wife? When you see your husband of an evening with the smoke of his cigar curling about his head, and a far-away look in his eyes, do you ever wonder whether he is thinking that the best investment he made in his life was when he bought you a wedding ring, or what a fool killer was doing not to get his number on the day he undertook to be your meal ticket for life?

If you are curious on this subject, apply these acid tests to yourself:

Have you thrown away the salt with which you caught your fish? You baited your hook with good looks. You were always clean and fresh and dainty with your hair combed so becomingly, and your nose nicely powdered, and you feet and ankles so trim and neat. Have you grown sloppy and slovenly and dowdy? Do you screw your hair up into a little hard knot, that would make the Venus de Milo look like a scare crow, because its the easiest way to get it up? Do you wear run-down-at-the-heels slippers around the house and consider a much-be-soiled kimono good enough to adorn yourself in for a mere husband? It takes a man with a superhuman talent for loving to keep enamored of a woman who looks as if she needed to be sent to the laundry, and whose kisses taste like cold cream.

You also baited your hook with flattery. You made the poor sucker who nibbled at that alluring tid-bit believe that you thought he was the biggest, strongest, handsomest, wisest man in the world. When he expressed an opinion, you appeared to think it was the utterance of an oracle. You asked his advice and let him tell you how he would run the world if he was at the head of things. You laughed at his sentries and applauded his jests.

Have you quit burning incense at his feet? Do you interrupt him in the midst of his best story to tell him that the woman next door has got a new hat? Do you remind him that you read the joke he has just told in the column of the funny paper? Do you openly flout his opinions, and criticize everything he does, from the way he has his hair cut to his pronunciation?

It must be a terrible disillusioning thing to marry a woman because you think you are getting an admiring audience in her, and then find out that you have got a cricket on the hearth who the president of the Amalgamated Order of Lady Knockers.

So many women never think of their husbands as anything but their children's father, a convenience mercifully ordained by Providence to supply the wants of Johnnie and Tommy, and Mary and Janey. He has no rights where the youngsters are concerned and if he has to be worked to death to indulge them in everything their greedy young hearts crave, well, it's a pity, but it has to be done.

Are you one of these all-mother wives? Do you let your husband sit up alone while you hold the baby's hand while it goes to sleep until some other woman begins to hold his hand?

Are you merciless in squeezing money out of him for the children? Do you let him see that he is no real account in the family, and that your first thought is for them, not him? There are not many men so humble, and with so little self love that they enjoy knowing that they are nothing but the cash-register in their homes.

Are you a good house-keeper? No matter whether you have every other virtue under the sun, but are a poor cook and keep a messy and untidy house, you are a failure as a wife.

It's just as much a woman's business to be thrifty and economical and spend her husband's money wisely, as it is his business to make the money.

What sort of dinner do you sit your husband down to at night? Did it come out of paper bags or is it the kind of a meal that a man thinks cheerfully of all the way home? Do you buy finery that you cannot afford, or do you keep within your income. A man can't think many nice loving thoughts of a wife when he realizes that she has sold him into bondage to milliners and dressmakers and that his whole life work goes to their enriching.

Are you a good sport? Have you got the courage to smile and buck your husband up when things go wrong with him? Do you make him feel that no matter what happens he has got one loyal friend who will fight with him, back to back, to the bitter end? Or are you one of the whiners and complainers who are always fretting because they can't have things like Mrs. Astorbilt and who take the last bit of nerve out of a man by telling him they don't know why he can't get along as well as some other man?

Do you show your husband any appreciation? The average man doesn't get a thing out of his daily toil except his board and cloths. All the balance of it goes to the support of his family, and if his wife takes this tremendous sacrifice without one word of thanks, he is bound to feel that he is the goat that is offered up on the domestic altar.

Do you ever tell your husband that you realize all of this, and how wonderful and sublime you think his conduct is, and that he's one of the unsung heroes of the world?

Finally, do you make your home a place of cheerfulness, of quiet, of peace and rest, a place to which a tired man may come and gather up new strength and courage for the next day's battle? Or is it a place of nagging and fretting and quarrels and discomfort that nobody would return to if he could help himself? Do you think the kind of a home you make is the realization dream of the bachelor who married— Just listen to the turn of the key

We Strive TO Give You

True Value for Your Money's Worth

And it has always been our aim to please our customers, and that aim, in connection with quality goods and our reputation for square dealings, has been the corner stone of our business.

We always try to make it a point to give our customers quality goods at prices less than they can be purchased in larger towns

and in connection with the recent market reductions of nearly all commodities, we would advise our customers to keep an eye on us, as we have a treat in store for them.

The Corner Store

GET YOUR NOVEMBER PICTORIAL NOW

in the front door tonight when he comes home and you'll have a close up, as our movie friends say, of how you look to your husband as a wife.

A. B. CLOER.

FOR SALE OR TRADE: Two mules for sale or trade for milch cows.

B. T. LANHAM, Edgefield, S. C.

The Aiken Municipal Club, two weeks ago, refused admittance to the women of Aiken. The women voters were championed by the best and most representative men of Aiken, led by Hon. D. S. Henderson. They were defeated by a vote of 60 to 51. Indignation among the women and representative men ran so high that the opposition was brought to terms and the action of the first meeting was rescinded by a large majority.

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Stalk Cutters & Disc Harrows

Cotton is all open and will soon be picked. In order to begin the extermination of the boll weevil for next year, all of the stalks should be cut up and turned under. The sooner this is done the better. For this work you will need a

Stalk Cutter and Disc Harrow
WE HAVE THEM BOTH

It is also time to put in a large grain crop and you will need the disc harrow for this work. These implements are not only labor saving but they will do the work as no other implement will.

COME IN TO SEE US AND GET OUR PRICES

We carry a full stock of everything farmers need in the way of implements and hardware of all kinds. If we haven't what you want we will get it for you on short notice.

STEWART & KERNAGHAN